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the KVPD in Erfurt was located in the Henne Kaserne. It was a training unit whose personnel was transferred to an NCO school in Leipzig upon completion of a short period of training. (P-6) The unit numbered about 250 officers and 2,500 EM at the time of observation. The number of recruits greatly increased after 7 October. Of the 2,500 VPs, about 700 were recruits while about 1,000 VPs had been transferred to the KVP from other VP branches and about 300 were old KVP personnel. Almost all officers of the unit were replaced by new officers after 7 October. The new officers came from Petersberg. Source saw 40 to 45T-34 tanks with the unit and noticed 10 to 15 ZIS 3-ton trucks. The troops still wore old uniforms.

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Comment. KVPD 2425 which is quartered in the Henne Kaserne in Erfurt is a mixed cadre unit rather than a training unit.

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It appears improbable that all personnel of this unit should be trained as NCOs. Also, there is no NCO school known in Leipzig. It is believed therefore that the transfers of personnel after short periods of training are detachments to KVPD 2311 and KVPD 3172 which are cadre units stationed in Leipzig. The total strength of about 2700 VPs of the KVPD in Erfurt is about the strength which the unit had in the summer of 1952 before personnel was detached for the Armeegruppe Nord. The number of about 40 tanks exceeds the average tank equipment of other cadre units. This also supports the assumption that the KVPD in Erfurt is a troop unit rather than a training unit. The composition of the unit shows that both the recruiting of personnel and the transfer of personnel of the HVDVP to the KVP is being made according to plan. It appears possible that a large number of the officers were transferred and were replaced by officers of the infantry school in the Petersberg Kaserne. A similar exchange of personnel was also observed with other units. According to credible statements by deserters, a large number of the officers of the Naumburg infantry school was, for example, detached to troop units, i.e. various cadre units and other offices in October 1952.

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